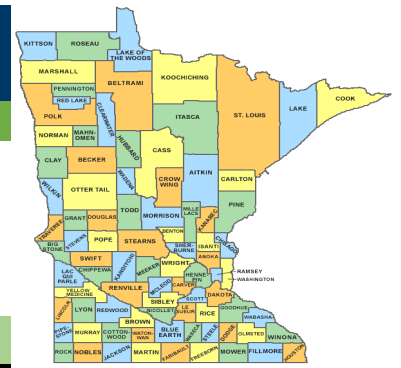


COUNTY PROFILE

# Koochiching Co.

Koochiching Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 3, which is located in the Northeast Planning Region.



## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

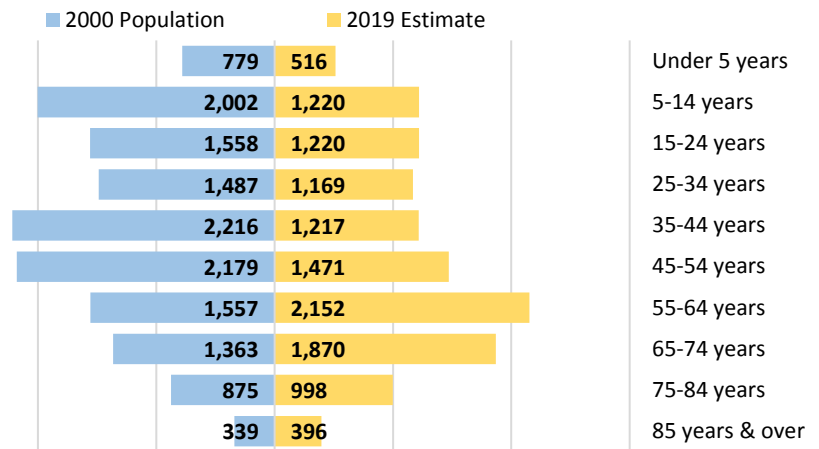
Koochiching Co.'s population has decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 85th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2019. It is now the 61st largest in the state. Koochiching Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Current population:	<b>12,229 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>50.8 years</b>
Population change, 2010-2019	-1,082 people -8.1% decline	state:	38.3 years

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	516	4.2%
5-14 years	1,220	10.0%
15-24 years	1,220	10.0%
25-34 years	1,169	9.6%
35-44 years	1,217	10.0%
45-54 years	1,471	12.0%
55-64 years	2,152	17.6%
65-74 years	1,870	15.3%
75-84 years	998	8.2%
85 years & over	396	3.2%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>12,229</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2019



Koochiching Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Koochiching Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Components of Population Change, 2010-2019

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Koochiching Co.	-1,085	-413	968	1,381	-670	49	-719
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253

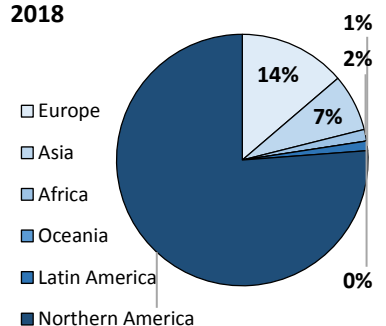
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Koochiching Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2018, Koochiching Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

	Koochiching Co.		Change 2010-2018		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>25.8%</b>
Europe	101	13.7%	37	57.8%	10.2%	4.8%
Asia	54	7.3%	7	14.9%	37.7%	27.8%
Africa	11	1.5%	11	#DIV/0!	24.5%	61.1%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.5%	41.9%
Americas:	569	77.4%	110	24.0%	27.1%	9.8%
Latin America	9	1.2%	-3	-25.0%	24.6%	11.8%
Northern America	560	76.2%	113	25.3%	2.6%	-6.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2018



## COUNTY PROFILE

## Koochiching Co.

Koochiching Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2018**

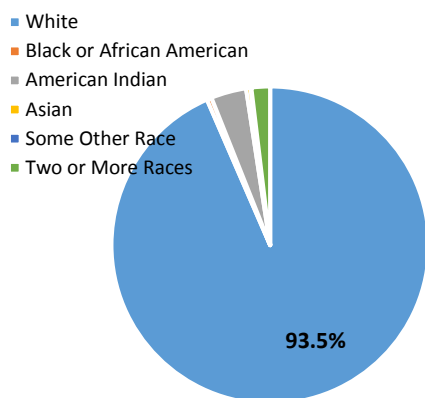


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2018	Koochiching Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2018	Percent	Change from 2000-2018
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,644</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-11.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>12.4%</b>
White	11,820	93.5%	-14.3%	83.3%	4.7%
Black or African American	61	0.5%	125.9%	6.2%	99.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	456	3.6%	47.6%	1.1%	7.3%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	59	0.5%	73.5%	4.8%	83.8%
Some Other Race	8	0.1%	-27.3%	1.8%	48.7%
Two or More Races	240	1.9%	36.4%	2.9%	90.7%
Hispanic or Latino origin	41	0.3%	-49.4%	5.3%	104.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

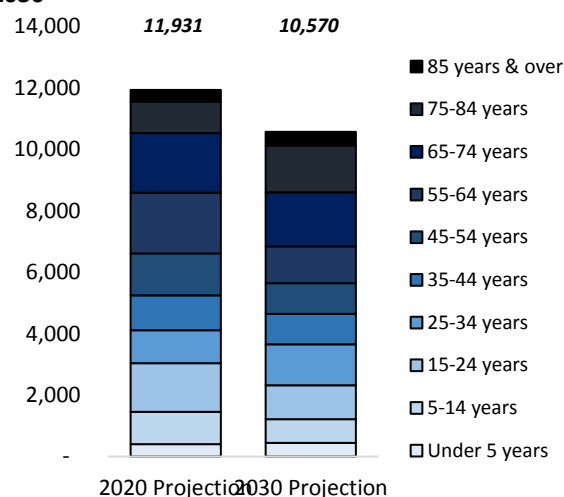
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Koochiching Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2020 to 2030, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.0%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

**Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2020-2030**

Koochiching Co.	2020 Projection	2030 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	403	441	38	9.4%
5-14 years	1,046	771	-275	-26.3%
15-24 years	1,584	1,109	-475	-30.0%
25-34 years	1,075	1,335	260	24.2%
35-44 years	1,141	982	-159	-13.9%
45-54 years	1,359	1,002	-357	-26.3%
55-64 years	1,978	1,197	-781	-39.5%
65-74 years	1,940	1,758	-182	-9.4%
75-84 years	1,023	1,527	504	49.3%
85 years & over	382	448	66	17.3%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>11,931</b>	<b>10,570</b>	<b>-1,361</b>	<b>-11.4%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2020-2030**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Koochiching Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Koochiching Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

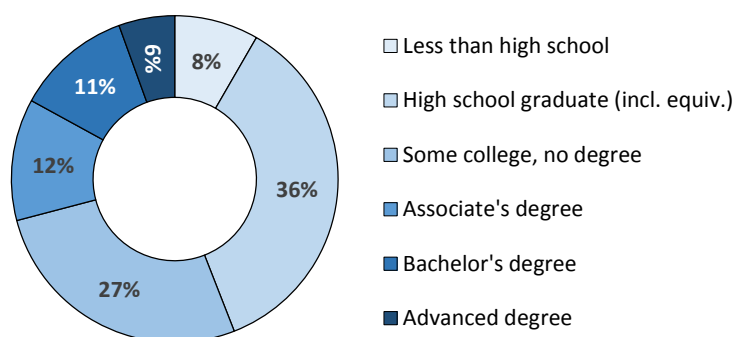
Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

**91.7%**

College-educated: **55.9%**  
state: 67.1%

Associate's Degree: **12.1%**  
Bachelor's Degree: **11.5%**  
Advanced Degree: **5.5%**

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2018**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

The number of workers in Koochiching Co. increased over the past year. Long term, Koochiching Co.'s labor force declined more slowly from 2004 to 2019, compared to a statewide growth rate of 8.0% (see Figure 6).

**6,026** available workers

Labor Force change,  
2004-2019

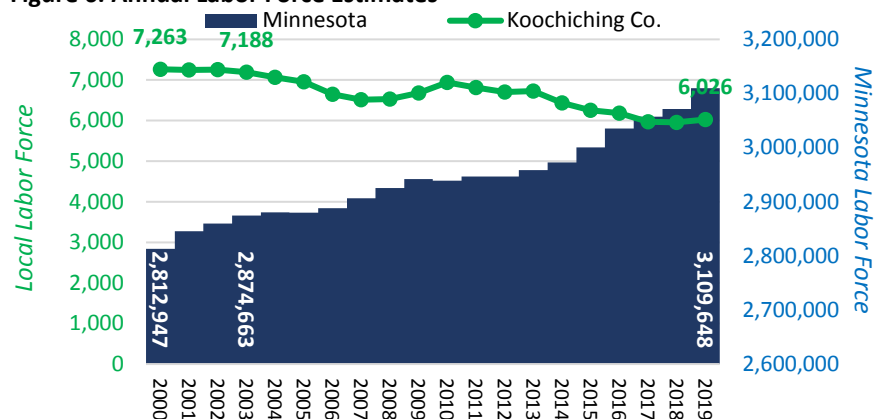
**-1,043 workers**  
**-14.8% decline**

**6.5%** unemployment rate

3.2% state

**392** unemployed workers

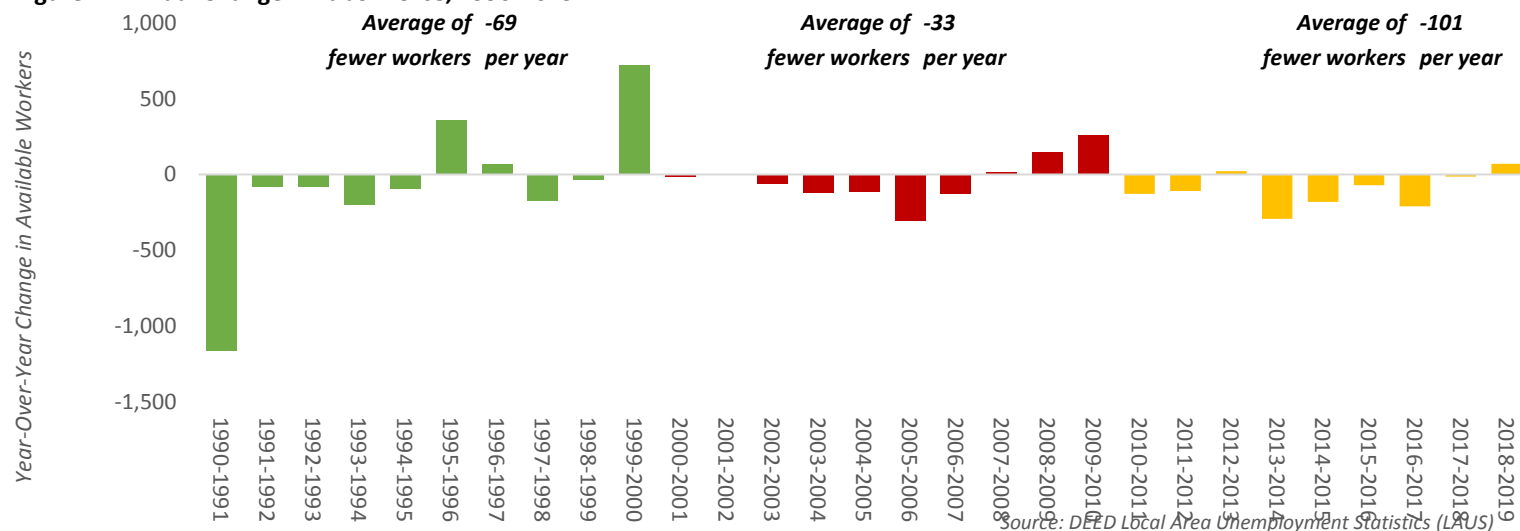
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

At 6.5%, Koochiching Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2019. Koochiching Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 6.1% in 2018, and was lower than the 9.4% rate posted in 2009. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Koochiching Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2009.

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2019



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

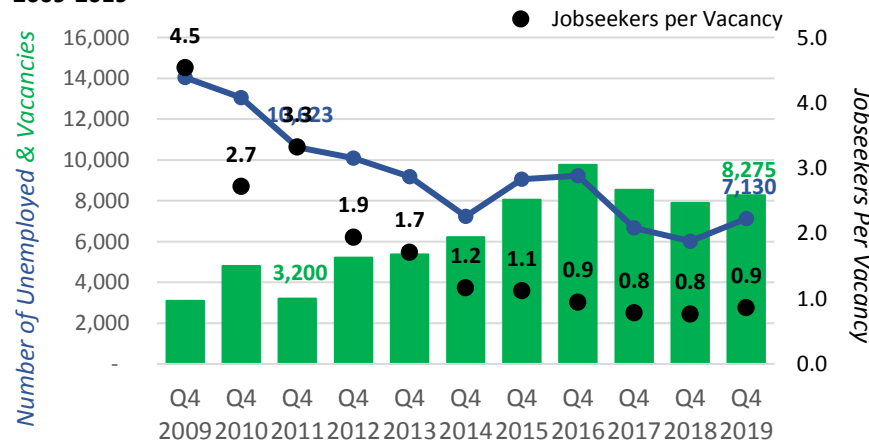
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net loss of workers from 1990 to 2000, Koochiching Co. averaged an annual loss of fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Koochiching Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2020 to 2030 (see Table 6).

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2020-2030	Labor Force Projection	
	2020	2030
16 to 24 years	1,058	775
25 to 54 years	3,006	2,801
55 to 64 years	1,178	713
65 years & over	530	513
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>5,772</b>	<b>4,801</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Koochiching Co. is a part of Region 3, which includes Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis County. The labor market has grown extremely tight in recent years, dropping to a ratio of 0.9 jobseekers per vacancy during the 4th quarter of 2019 (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2009-2019



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

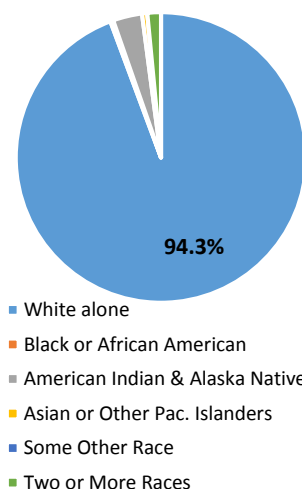
## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Koochiching Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Koochiching Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 85.5% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2018

	Koochiching Co.			Minnesota		Koochiching Co.	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>6,157</b>	<b>58.1%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>69.7%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>3,266</b>	<b>2,892</b>
16 to 19 years	323	53.2%	5.6%	52.9%	11.7%	118	205
20 to 24 years	527	89.2%	15.2%	84.4%	6.4%	303	224
25 to 44 years	2,079	85.5%	8.5%	88.6%	3.5%	1,059	1,021
45 to 54 years	1,413	81.8%	3.9%	87.3%	2.8%	703	710
55 to 64 years	1,366	59.5%	2.2%	72.6%	3.0%	822	544
65 to 74 years	385	23.9%	9.6%	27.6%	2.4%	210	176
75 years & over	63	4.7%	38.1%	6.3%	2.6%	51	12
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	5,804	58.0%	5.8%	69.5%	3.3%		
Black or African American	20	36.4%	60.0%	70.7%	9.9%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	200	57.1%	30.5%	58.5%	12.8%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	36	70.6%	0.0%	71.3%	4.7%		
Some Other Race	0	0.0%	0.0%	77.2%	6.2%		
Two or More Races	93	73.8%	9.7%	73.1%	7.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	18	43.9%	0.0%	76.3%	6.5%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability</b>							
With Any Disability	459	45.9%	8.7%	52.5%	9.0%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	4,859	75.3%	5.4%	84.2%	3.2%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	228	62.5%	6.5%	65.4%	4.5%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	1,568	70.1%	1.6%	78.6%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,049	75.9%	3.1%	85.2%	3.2%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,015	88.2%	6.2%	89.8%	1.9%		

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2018

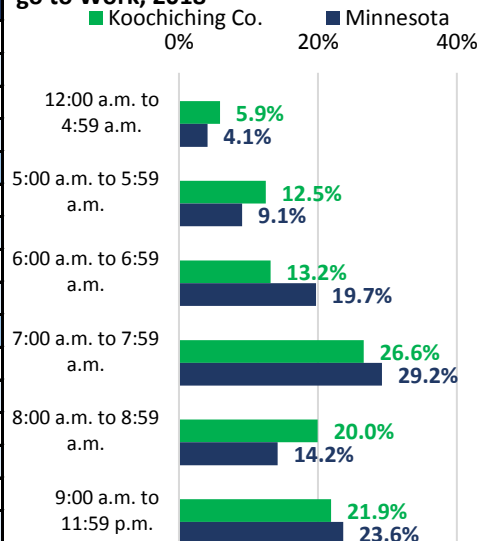


Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

A larger percentage of workers in Koochiching Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Koochiching Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2018	Koochiching Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	5,520	98.6%	2,807,811	97.5%
Worked in county of residence	5,100	91.1%	1,831,557	63.6%
Worked out of county of residence	420	7.5%	979,134	34.0%
Worked outside state of residence	78	1.4%	71,995	2.5%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	4,730	84.5%	2,488,152	86.4%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	45	0.8%	103,673	3.6%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	554	9.9%	126,711	4.4%
Worked at home	269	4.8%	164,149	5.7%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	2,765	49.4%	455,009	15.8%
10 to 19 minutes	1,618	28.9%	869,701	30.2%
20 to 29 minutes	453	8.1%	639,317	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	330	5.9%	564,442	19.6%
45 to 59 minutes	196	3.5%	192,947	6.7%
60 or more minutes	241	4.3%	158,389	5.5%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>15.4 minutes</b>		<b>23.5 minutes</b>	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2018



Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Koochiching Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Koochiching Co. had the 83rd highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income

\$47,129

state

\$68,411

Median Family Income

\$63,969

state

\$86,204

Per Capita Income

\$29,051

state

\$36,245

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2018

Less than \$25,000

\$25,000-\$49,999

\$50,000-\$74,999

\$75,000-\$99,999

\$100,00-\$149,999

\$150,000 or more

Koochiching Co.

26.6%

25.2%

18.4%

13.6%

10.4%

5.8%

Minnesota

16.1%

20.3%

18.0%

14.0%

17.2%

14.3%

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Koochiching Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$12.33 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$14.23 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2019

Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Koochiching Co.	\$25,656	\$12.33	\$0	\$330	\$166	\$553	\$573	\$248	\$268
State of Minnesota	\$30,900	\$14.86	\$0	\$335	\$137	\$759	\$629	\$336	\$379
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Koochiching Co.	\$44,412	\$14.23	\$217	\$756	\$659	\$713	\$655	\$412	\$289
State of Minnesota	\$55,548	\$17.80	\$511	\$764	\$484	\$986	\$729	\$537	\$618

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Koochiching Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 71st highest value of the 87 counties in 2018. Koochiching Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2018

	Koochiching Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	4,297	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	796	18.5%	5.7%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,225	28.5%	9.4%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	906	21.1%	15.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	622	14.5%	19.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	409	9.5%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	256	6.0%	17.6%
\$500,000 or more	83	1.9%	6.6%
Median (dollars)	\$106,300		\$199,700

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2018

0%

10%

20%

30%

40%

Koochiching Co.

Minnesota

2010 or later

2000 to 2009

1980 to 1999

1960 to 1979

1940 to 1959

1939 or earlier

2.6%

2.8%

8.4%

14.6%

24.0%

26.5%

31.5%

24.8%

21.2%

14.7%

12.3%

16.6%

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage

\$1,020

state

\$1,547

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

20.6%

state

22.6%

Median monthly rent costs

\$615

state

\$944

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

52.8%

state

45.9%

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2018

16.2%

4.5%

10.4%

17.1%

38.5%

14.4%

13.0%

8.9%

51.8%

23.7%

mortgage

rent

Less than 20%

20 to 24.9%

25.0% to 29.9%

30.0% to 34.9%

35% or more

## OCCUPATIONS

At \$19.03 in 2020, wages were lower in Region 3 than the state. Overall, Region 3 had the 6th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$41.52) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$11.95) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment Statistics, 2020

Occupational Group	Region 3				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$19.03</b>	<b>144,320</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$21.49</b>	<b>2,880,650</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$41.52	6,680	4.6%	0.8	\$24.38	165,310	5.7%
Business & Financial Operations	\$29.24	5,190	3.6%	0.6	\$12.43	244,300	8.5%
Computer & Mathematical	\$33.91	1,910	1.3%	0.4	\$17.72	4,060	0.1%
Architecture & Engineering	\$35.05	2,310	1.6%	0.8	\$20.03	363,800	12.6%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$31.36	1,510	1.0%	1.1	\$24.31	100,060	3.5%
Community & Social Service	\$21.01	4,970	3.4%	1.7	\$13.65	70,290	2.4%
Legal	\$34.59	500	0.3%	0.5	\$18.06	216,890	7.5%
Education, Training & Library	\$24.48	8,160	5.7%	1.0	\$38.00	55,520	1.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$18.49	1,500	1.0%	0.8	\$28.97	104,900	3.6%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$31.08	11,950	8.3%	1.3	\$37.35	20,050	0.7%
Healthcare Support	\$14.26	11,020	7.6%	1.3	\$24.52	38,540	1.3%
Protective Service	\$24.96	3,080	2.1%	1.4	\$15.37	277,000	9.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$11.95	15,270	10.6%	1.2	\$23.34	57,200	2.0%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$14.63	5,260	3.6%	1.3	\$15.23	83,860	2.9%
Personal Care & Service	\$14.42	3,520	2.4%	1.0	\$36.07	190,800	6.6%
Sales & Related	\$12.77	13,640	9.5%	1.0	\$42.71	97,960	3.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$18.02	17,750	12.3%	1.0	\$52.70	170,650	5.9%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$21.55	320	0.2%	1.6	\$19.03	212,650	7.4%
Construction & Extraction	\$28.03	7,180	5.0%	1.4	\$22.45	45,030	1.6%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$25.29	6,500	4.5%	1.3	\$14.81	163,160	5.7%
Production	\$20.37	7,250	5.0%	0.7	\$33.87	171,550	6.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$17.27	8,840	6.1%	0.8	\$34.35	27,070	0.9%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment Statistics, Qtr. 1 2020

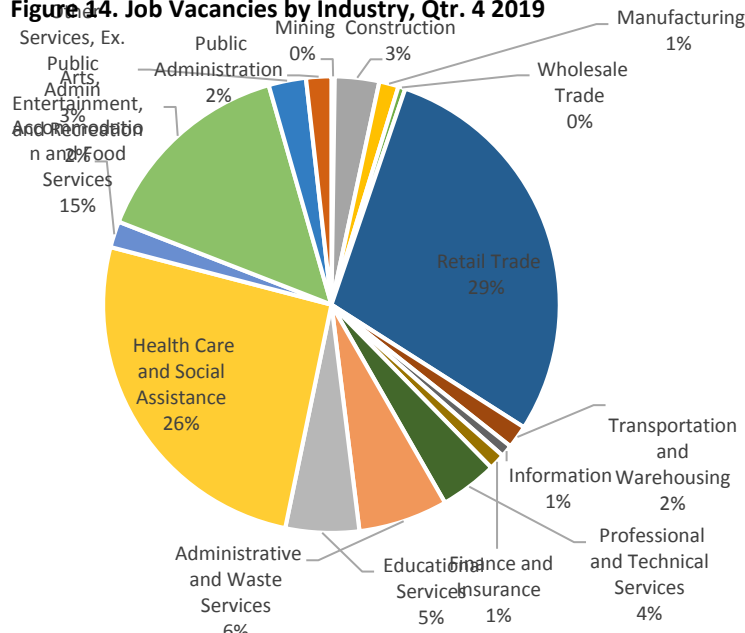
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Koochiching Co. is a part of Region 3, which includes Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis County. There were 8275 job vacancies posted by employers in the 4th Quarter of 2019, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Region 3 Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 4 2019

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>8,275</b>	<b>\$14.13</b>
Management	136	\$25.28
Business & Financial Operations	75	\$19.74
Computer & Mathematical	153	\$31.38
Architecture & Engineering	151	\$26.45
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	23	\$28.17
Community & Social Service	303	\$14.19
Education, Training & Library	#N/A	#N/A
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	297	\$17.05
Healthcare Support	74	\$18.97
Protective Service	1,225	\$24.50
Food Preparation & Serving Related	347	\$14.25
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	59	\$14.13
Personal Care & Service	1,069	\$11.66
Sales & Related	513	\$14.91
Office & Administrative Support	618	\$11.81
Construction & Extraction	1,383	\$11.90
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	716	\$13.33
Production	255	\$21.86
Transportation & Material Moving	60	\$18.96

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, Qtr. 4 2019



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 4 2019

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northeast Occupations in Demand, 2019

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Personal Care Aides \$25,495	Social & Human Service Assistants \$32,364	Registered Nurses \$66,241	Elementary School Teachers \$72,950
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners \$25,900	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$46,169	Nursing Assistants \$32,440	Accountants & Auditors \$61,769
Retail Salespersons \$24,658	First-Line Supervisors of Food Prep & Serving Workers \$30,914	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses \$44,618	Secondary School Teachers \$54,646
Combined Food Preparation & Serving \$24,025	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$37,595	Machinists \$47,677	Nurse Practitioners \$117,938
Cashiers \$23,403	Office Clerks, General \$34,962	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, & Cosmetologists \$27,537	Medical & Health Services Managers \$92,744
Cooks, Restaurant \$27,418	Teacher Assistants \$31,632	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics \$40,143	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists \$53,859
Janitors & Cleaners \$27,626	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General \$39,141	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics \$37,294	Child, Family, & School Social Workers \$51,064
Waiters & Waitresses \$21,867	Secretaries & Administrative Assistants \$37,946	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$60,994	Family & General Practitioners \$211,040
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers \$25,761	Pharmacy Technicians \$36,250	Radiologic Technologists \$64,161	Internists, General NA
Home Health Aides \$27,598	Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers \$37,135	Electrical & Electronics Engineering Technicians \$74,742	Physical Therapists \$81,243

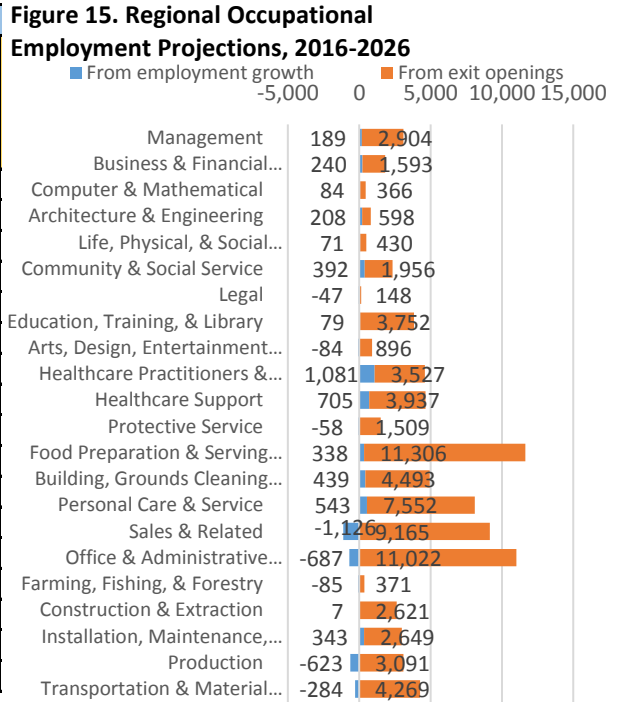
Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Koochiching Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region, which is projected to see a 1.1% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2016-2026

Northeast Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2016	Projected Employment 2026	Percent Change 2016-2026
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>160,337</b>	<b>162,062</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,485	5,738	4.6%
Utilities	1,489	1,440	-3.3%
Construction	6,380	6,068	-4.9%
Manufacturing	8,473	7,725	-8.8%
Wholesale Trade	3,278	2,931	-10.6%
Retail Trade	17,625	15,875	-9.9%
Transportation & Warehousing	4,727	4,528	-4.2%
Information	1,589	1,343	-15.5%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	6,286	6,504	3.5%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,193	5,765	11.0%
Administrative & Waste Services	3,602	3,776	4.8%
Educational Services	12,988	13,044	0.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance	32,797	36,322	10.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	18,176	18,774	3.3%
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	6,845	7,093	3.6%
Public Administration	14,724	14,358	-2.5%

Source: DEED 2016-2026 Employment Outlook



## ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

After gaining jobs over the past year, Koochiching Co. had the 61st largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Koochiching Co. was the 43rd fastest growing in the past year and the 78th fastest growing since 2014. From 2014 to 2019, employers in Koochiching Co. cut jobs, but lagged the state's 6.3% growth rate.

416 business establishments

\$45,651 annual average wage

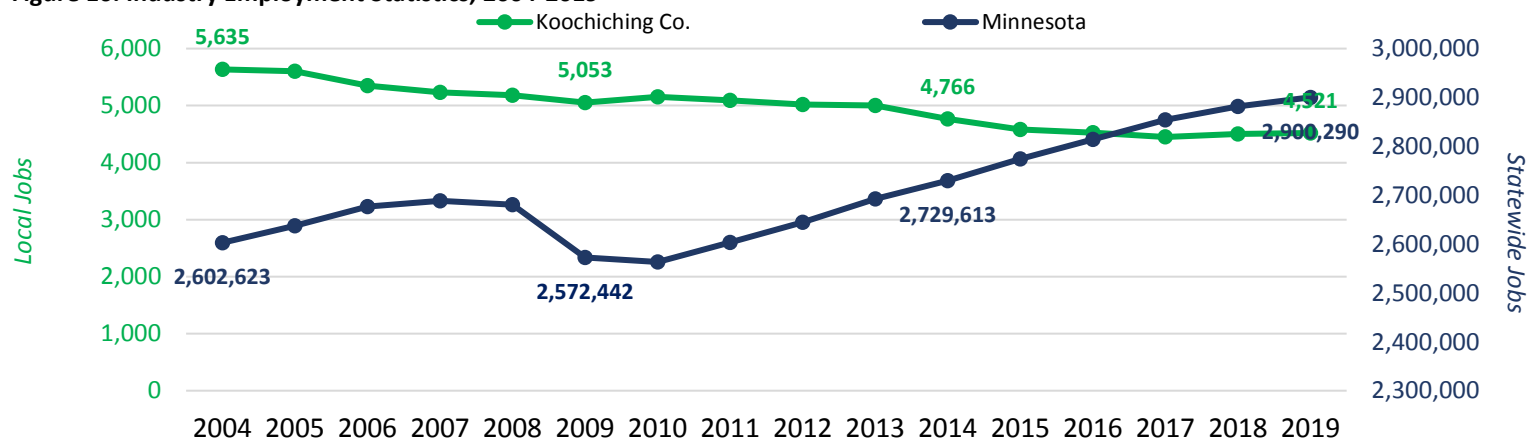
4,521 jobs

\$206,389,865 total industry payroll

Job change,  
2014-2019

-245 jobs  
-5.1% decline

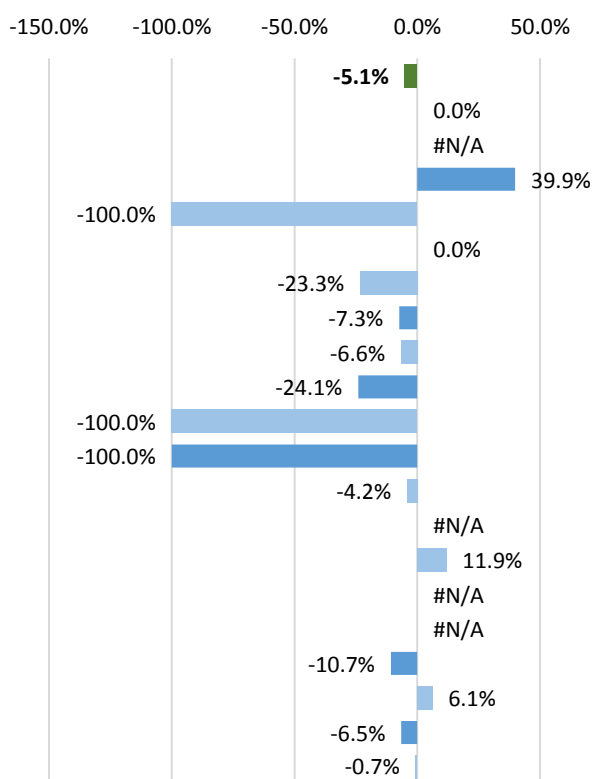
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2004-2019



Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Koochiching Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2019	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>4,521</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$45,651</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	0	0.0%	#DIV/0!
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	263	5.8%	\$95,260
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	#DIV/0!
Utilities	13	0.3%	\$90,686
Wholesale Trade	66	1.5%	\$47,388
Retail Trade	644	14.2%	\$22,801
Transportation & Warehousing	183	4.0%	\$40,516
Information	60	1.3%	\$36,629
Finance & Insurance	0	0.0%	#DIV/0!
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	0	0.0%	#DIV/0!
Professional & Technical Services	46	1.0%	\$30,557
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	75	1.7%	\$24,357
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	108	2.4%	\$39,923
Accommodation & Food Services	555	12.3%	\$14,500
Other Services	115	2.5%	\$11,855
Public Administration	446	9.9%	\$53,513

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2014-2019



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment &amp; Wages (QCEW)

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